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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING OF BUNDESTAGE COUNCIL OF
ELDERS IN BERLIN

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1. DER TAGESSPIEGEL CARRIES REPORT JANUARY 1 THAT
CDU BUNDESTAG MEMBER JUERGEN WOHLRABE, WHO WAS ORIGINATOR
OF 1974 PRESSURE FOR MEETING OF BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM
AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS IN BEICHSTAG, HAS AGAIN CALLED
ON FRAU RENGEL TO CONVENE ONE OR BOTH BODIES IN BERLIN
DURING 1976. WOHLRABE, WHO ALSO URGED SPD AND FDP TO
MATCH CDU'S RECENT PRACTICE OF HOLDING FRUKTION MEETINGS
AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR IN BERLIN, NOTED NEITHER PRESIDUM
NOR COUNCIL OF ELDERS HAS MET HERE SINCE 1970.

2. CONCERNING QUESTIONS OF ALLIED POSITION ON MEETING
OF PRESIDUM OR COUNCIL OF ELDERS, WE HAVE LITTLE TO
ADD TO THOROUGH ANALYSIS REFTEL. SINCE THESE BODIES,
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REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE COMMITTEES,

ARE CLEARLY NEITHER PLENARY SESSIONS OF BUNDESTAG, NOR
SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS OF TWO OR MORE FRAKTIONS,
THEIR MEETINGS ARE NOT FORBIDDEN BY QA WHICH RESTRICTS
ONLY ABOVE TWO BUNDESTAG ACTIVITIES. THEIR LEGAL RIGHT
TO CONVENE HERE IS THUS A SOLID ONE. BASIC PROBLEM IS
ONE OF POLITICAL TIMING. WE WOULD SUSPECT THAT PRESENT
IS ABOUT AS GOOD A TIME AS EVER FOR SUCH A MEETING.
THERE ARE NO SPECIAL FOUR POWER DISTURBANCES GOING ON,
AND NOT QUITE ENOUGH TIME HAS PASSED SINCE BODIES
WERE LAST HERE TO CONSTITUTE AN ATROPHY OF A RIGHT.
WHILE WE WOULD AGREE THAT THERE MAY BE NOTHING CONCRETE
"IN IT FOR BERLIN" IF THESE BODIES WERE AGAIN TO CONVENE
IN REICHSTAG, MORAL FACTORS ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT,
PARTICULARLY NEGATIVE IMPLICATION ALWAYS
SENSITIVE BERLINERS ARE QUICK TO DRAW IF IT APPEARS
THAT ALLIES ARE TAKING OVERLY RESTRICTIVE VIEW OF
HITHERTO LEGITIMATE MANIFESTATIONS OF BONN-BERLIN TIES.
SOVIET PROTEST, IF IT COMES, SHOULD NOT CARRY EVEN
MINIMAL RISK OF ESCALATING BEYOND SIMPLE EXCHANGE AS
IT MIGHT IF ISSUE CONCERNED, FOR EXAMPLE, TANGIBLE
NEW PERMANENT FRG PRESENCE.

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